

REMARKS

After entry of this Amendment, claims 1-27 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 22 have been amended. Claims 23-27 have been added in this Amendment. Reconsideration of the application as amended is requested.

In the Office Action dated October 31, 2002, the Examiner imposed a Restriction Requirement between claims 1-20, drawn to an apparatus, classified in Class 310, Subclass 328; and claims 21-22, drawn to a method of making, classified in Class 33, Subclass 568. The applicant elects claims 1-20, drawn to an apparatus, classified in Class 310, Subclass 328 with traverse. It is submitted that new claims 23-27 read on the elected apparatus. The Examiner states that the invention of Group I and of Group II are related as process of making and product made. The Examiner asserts that the method can be used to make other materially different products such as sensors, printing mechanisms, etc. The Restriction Requirement is traversed on the grounds that claim 22 is a linking claim between the process claim 21 and product claims 1-20 and 23-27. See MPEP §809 and §809.03. Pursuant to MPEP §809, the linking claim must be examined with the invention elected, and the Restriction Requirement withdrawn in the event that any linking claim is found to be allowable. Reconsideration of the Examiner's Restriction Requirement is requested, and rejoinder of the non elected claims in the event a linking claim is found to be allowable over the prior art is also requested.

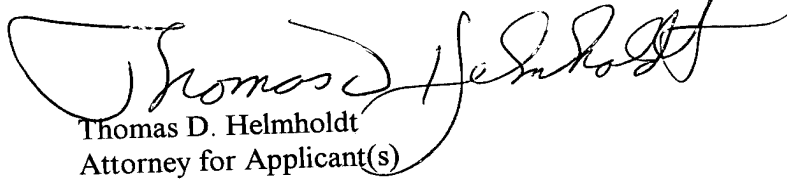
It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment traverses and overcomes all of the Examiner's objections and rejections to the application as originally filed. It is further submitted that this Amendment has antecedent basis in the application as originally filed, including the specification, claims and drawings, and that this Amendment does not add any new subject matter to the application. Reconsideration of the application as amended is requested. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment places the application in suitable condition for allowance; notice of which is requested.

If the Examiner feels that prosecution of the present application can be expedited by way of an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact the

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Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

1. (Amended) An apparatus for moving at least one of a pair of opposing surfaces in response to an electrical activation comprising:

a support including a rigid non-flexing portion, at least one pivotable arm portion integrally extending from the rigid portion, [a pair of opposing surfaces with] at least one opposing surface connected to [on] the at least one pivotable arm portion for movement relative to [one another] the rigid portion, and a force transfer member integrally extending from the rigid portion and operably positioned for driving the at least one pivotable arm portion in rotational movement; and

an actuator operably engaged between the rigid portion and the force transfer member [to drive] for driving the force transfer member relative to the rigid portion to pivot the at least one pivotable arm portion in response to an electrical activation of the actuator.

22. (Amended) An apparatus according to the method of claim 21 for moving at least one of a pair of opposing surfaces in response to an electrical activation comprising:

a support including a rigid non-flexing portion, at least one pivotable arm portion integrally extending from the rigid portion, [a pair of opposing surfaces with] at least one opposing surface connected to [on] the at least one pivotable arm portion for movement relative to [one another] the rigid portion, and a force transfer member integrally extending from the rigid portion and operably positioned for driving the at least one pivotable arm portion in rotational movement; and

an actuator operably engaged between the rigid portion and the force transfer member [to drive] for driving the force transfer member relative to the rigid portion to pivot the at least one pivotable arm portion in response to an electrical activation of the actuator.

Claims 23-27 have been added.